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Amusements Today.

American Institute—Exhibition.
Belgian Panorama Co.—Grand Ballroom.
Bijou Opera House—P. M.
Casino—National, 8 P. M.
Cheesecake Hall—Recital, 8 P. M.
Daly's Theatre—Ladies and Gentlemen, 8 P. M.
Eden Musique—Tables in Wax, 8 A. M. to 12 P. M.
Fitz's Theatre—Theatricals, 8 P. M.
Grand Opera House Hall—Starting Performance, 8 P. M.
Hercules & Blaize—The Seven Wonders, 7:30 P. M.
Madison Square—Theatre—Private Secretary, 12:30 P. M.
Nib's Opera House—Music, 8 P. M.
Pantagruel—A Comedy, 8 P. M.
People's Theatre—Theatricals, 8 P. M.
Star Theatre—South Stage, 8 P. M.
Steveway Hall—Recital, 8 P. M.
Thalia Theatre—Burlesque, 8 P. M.
Theatre Comique—Theatricals, 8 P. M.
Tivoli Theatre—Burlesque, 8 P. M.
Union Square Theatre—Burlesque, 8 P. M.
Walker's Theatre—Comedies, 8 P. M.
14th St. Theatre—Palms, 8 P. M.

The New South.

One of the inevitable results of the Presidential election is the dissolution of the Republican party in the Southern States, at least in its existing form. The two elements of which that organization is mainly composed have no vital principle to hold them together in the absence of a controlling political power and the use of patronage.

White officeholders, chiefly aliens in the community where they dwell, and the negroes make up the bulk of the party. The former run the machine, and the latter furnish the votes. The reconstruction policy consolidated the intelligence, the substance, and the moral worth of the South against those violent measures. The political situation has not materially changed since they were passed, although the bitter resentment which grew out of this unwise policy has been subdued by the healing influences of time and association.

The negro has lost the Republican party dearly. Infatuated by the idea that he could be made a potent factor in preserving power indefinitely, the suffrage was given to the black man without any previous preparation for such privilege. Some of the allied Republican leaders, who had denied the wisdom and the fitness of this grant, accepted it from political necessity, while others wanted to humiliate still more the crushed South by putting the former slaves on top to rule over their late masters.

In the hot and angry passions of that time, these legislators did not stop to think how difficult was the task of reversing natural laws, and that it was only a question of time when the superior race must regain ascendancy in its own sphere of action. They would not listen to reason, and the Southern States were increased in the electoral college to the extent of the additional negro vote.

In other words, the Republicans did for the South what the South could never have possibly done for itself under the old Constitution. They augmented its power immensely. In 1860 the Southern States cast one hundred and twenty electoral votes. In 1861 they cast one hundred and fifty-three electoral votes, and they have defeated the party that strengthened them and forced them to be sold at three successive Presidential elections.

It may be confidently assumed that the Republican officeholders in the South, with rare exceptions, will be dismissed promptly by Mr. CLEVELAND. They are generally odious, and do not enjoy the sympathy of their own party in the North. Their removal will leave the party without the accustomed machinery. The blacks have only limited capacity for organization, and they will drift with the tide until a new constituency arises.

This probable change will soon operate on the whites, who can no longer be kept compacted when the cause that compelled unity has disappeared. There are rival factions, discordant interests, and strong jealousies in all the Southern States, which have been held in check solely by a common cause, cherished as superior to all personal or local considerations. There are radical differences of opinion on the protective policy, in which the popularities along the mountain chain from Maryland to Alabama is deeply interested. So it is in other localities.

These opposing views are aggressive and must come to the front, from the reasons of having been long restrained in the rear. The more they are pressed down at one point, the more they will rise up at another. Economic questions and other questions will force themselves forward. Divisions for ascendancy, for office, and for recognition cannot be suppressed.

Before the close of Mr. CLEVELAND's term of office, the South will doubtless be split into several parts, and the blacks will separate with the different factions, as each of the latter will contend for itself for the despised colored vote. This process of breaking up cannot be confined within sectional limits. It will cross over MASON and DIXON's line and infect the politics of the North, where disaffection has struck into the vitals of both Democrats and Republicans. Parties may not be reconstructed, but they are likely to be reorganized, and a new department is by no means impossible.

Short of Funds All Around.

The Republican National Committee are said to have spent in the campaign more than a hundred thousand dollars beyond what they collected, and the members are now endeavoring to find people good natured enough and flush enough to make up this big deficit. Otherwise, we suppose, they will have a preliminary victory, and if they win it will probably succeed in extorting the upper hand, and the landed interest that leans on it, from a perilous predicament.

Yet, admitting that British landowners may manage to prop up for a short time longer an institution which they look upon as the bulwark of their class, we may well

think that with a new Administration coming into power, the money would promptly be furnished by patriots anxious to serve the Government in various stations; but we are confident that no such idea would be tolerated by the gentlemen who have so successfully managed the Democratic canvass. Men of principle never descend to corruption.

A Quarrel We Would Compose.

We observe with pain that our esteemed neighbors, the *Times* and *Tribune*, are engaged in a quarrel of exceeding bitterness. Truth to say, we do not remember when two journals of respectability have fought so desperately and with such ferocity.

The language used by both the infurited combatants is rough and violent beyond precedent, and each seems to regard the other with extraordinary animosity. It is not a fight with either hard or soft gloves, but a square, up and down tussle with the bare knuckles, and in hot blood. That is, it seems to be what is called a fight for a funeral.

Mr. GEORGE JONES of the *Times* calls Mr. WHITELAW REED of the *Tribune* a forger, and wants the Grand Jury to indict him for his alleged offenses. He also intimates that Mr. REED is deceiving the public in the most outrageous manner in regard to the circulation of the *Tribune*. The charge of forgery is based on the difference between the early election returns in the *Tribune* and in the *Times*. The charge of lying is provoked by Mr. REED's announcement that the circulation of his paper on the day after election was larger than that of the *Times* by about forty thousand copies, though Mr. JONES had exulted over the edition of the *Times* as an unprecedented triumph in its history. Moreover, the *Times* sells for two cents, while three cents are charged for the *Tribune* for the same quantity of paper.

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